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Castro et al.

Application No.: 09/815,504

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For: MODULAR IMPLANT FOR FUSING
ADJACENT BONE STRUCTURE

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AMENDMENT AND SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2004 INTERVIEW

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed May 20, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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